THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A substantial portion of the time on the close circuit Television systems at Railway stations is devoted to providing railway informaton to the waiting public. Inclusion of commercial advertisements in addition to this, is in the financial interests of the Railways. It would not be correct to say that this creates any distraction for the public.

(d) .Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Development of airports in the country

*36. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to develop some of the airports in the country by providing landing facilities for international flights;

(b) if so, what are the names thereof and the progress so far made in this respect;

(c) by when these airports are proposed to be so depeloped and opened to international traffic; and

(d) whether these airports are proposed to be declared as international airports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CTVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER); (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Studies have been conducted for Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Nagpur, Mangalore, Trivandrum and Hyderabad. Out of these, international services from Trivandrum and Hyderabad are already being operated. Introducing limited interna tional services from some of these airports in the near future is under consideration.

(d) There is no proposal at present-to declare any airport as international airport in addition to the existing four in-tsrnational airports.

Expenditure of Education

*37. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE;

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that in the last four years, the Central Governmen Budgets have provided for not more than 1.6 per cent expenditure on education; and

(b) what is the planned and probable percentage of such expenditure to be made during rest of the Seventh Five Year Plan priod and what is the strategy for the coming years under the New Educa tion Policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) The Government of India budget for the (Department of Education provided not more than 1.6 per cent of the expenditure on education in the last four years, but if the expenditure on education of other Departments is also taken into account the percentage would work out between 1.7 per cent and 1.8 per cent.

(b) The Seventh Plan allocation for education for Central Sector is Rs. 1738.64 crores excluding Sports and Art and Culture. Probable expenditure will exceed the allocation Additional all ocations are expected to be provided through the process of Annual Plans and Mid-Term Plan Appraisal. The strategy for the coming years has been given in part XI of the National Policy on Education 1986, a copy of which is attached as statement.